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Elise D. Bray

Applicant : Prem S. Singh
Application No. : 09/772,100
Filed : January 26, 2001
Title : HIGH TEMPERATURE METHOD FOR BROWNING PRECOOKED, WHOLE MUSCLE MEAT PRODUCTS
Grp./Div. : 1761
Examiner : Nina Bhat
Docket No. : 42892/KMO/C945

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Post Office Box 7068
Pasadena, CA 91109-7068
October 25, 2002

Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	52	* 30	22	x \$9.00	22 x \$18.00	396.00
Independent Claims	4	** 3	1	x \$42.00	1 x \$84.00	84.00
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$140.00	\$280.00	-0-
TOTAL FILING FEE						\$480.00
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED ****	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					

LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 16, 30 and 48

* IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3
** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3
*** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME
**** IF NO FEE REQUIRED, ADDRESS ENVELOPE TO "BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENTS"

- Attached is our check for \$480.00 to pay the fees calculated above.
 A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.
 Other enclosures:

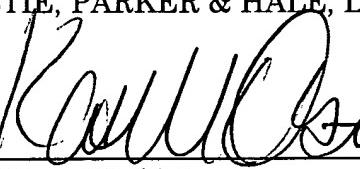
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**Amendment Transmittal Letter
Application No. 09/772,100**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of June 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 14, 16, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 29 and 30, and add new claims 31 to 52. All of pending claims 1 to 52 follow.

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1. (Amended) A process for browning a precooked, whole muscle meat product comprising:
coating a browning liquid pyrolysis product onto at least a portion of the surface of the
precooked, whole muscle meat product; and then